

## Justice Douglas Says Violence May Be Reply to Oppression

**In New Book, He Warns That  
Revolution Could Be Only  
Answer to Establishment**

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Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas warns in a new book that revolution may prove the only honorable alternative to oppression by the American Establishment.

In "Points of Rebellion," a 97-page volume scheduled for publication by Random House on Feb. 19, the Justice says:

"George III was the symbol against which our Founders made a revolution now considered bright and glorious.... We must realize that today's Establishment is the new George III. Whether it will continue to adhere to his tactics, we do not know. If it does, the redress, honored in tradition, is also revolution."

The Justice acknowledges that violence has no constitutional sanction. "But where grievances pile high and most of the elected spokesmen represent the Establishment," he writes, "violence may be the only effective response."

Whether the revolution proves violent depends on how wise the Establishment is, the Justice writes. "If, with its stockpile of arms, it resolves to suppress the dissenters, America will face, I fear, an awful ordeal."

### 'Restructuring' Urged

Arguing in the book for a radical "restructuring," the 71-year old Justice attacks numerous targets: the Pentagon, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, former Presidents Truman and Johnson, Government and corporate bureaucracy, and racist practices by police, employers and educators.

Mr. Douglas has long been the foremost Court defender of interpretation favoring citizen's rights, using his own technical virtuosity for social ends. This often leads him to dissent, especially when colleagues might favor what President Nixon calls "strict construction."

"The modern day dissenters and protesters are functioning as the loyal opposition functions in England," Justice Douglas declares in his book.

And yet, he pursues, "powers that be faintly echo Adolf Hitler," who said (1932):

"The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebel-



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ling and rioting.... We need law and order."

"American protesters need not be submissive," Justice Douglas writes. "A speaker who resists arrest is acting as a free man. The police do not have carta blanche to interfere with his freedom."

### Wiretapping Deplored

Justice Douglas laments electronic surveillance and wiretapping. "The F.B.I. and the C.I.A. are the most notorious offenders," he writes, "but lesser lights also participate: Every phone in every Federal or state agency is suspect. Every conference room in Government buildings is assumed to be bugged. Every Embassy phone is an open transmitter. Certain hotels in Washington have allotments of rooms that are wired for sound and even contain two-way mirrors, so that the occupants can be taped or filmed."

Inveighing against elaborate security procedures regulating employment, and promising that dissent to militarism will not be stilled, he charges that "The Pentagon has a fantastic budget that enables it to dream of putting down the much-needed revolutions which will arise in Peru, in the Philippines, and in other benighted countries."

The Justice asks: "Where is the force that will restrain the Pentagon?"

"At the international level we have become virtually paranoid," Justice Douglas writes. "Indeed, a black silence or fear, possessed, the world and is causing us to jettison some of our libertarian tradi-